

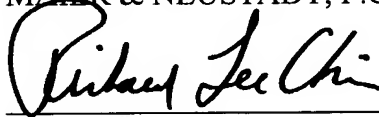
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to recite a method of performing solid-liquid separation of a fatty acid mixture using the steps described in claim 1 as originally presented. The solid-liquid separation is clearly apparent from claim 1 as originally presented, as well as from the description on page 7, lines 3-10 of the specification.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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